

MARGARET HAGAN.

FEBRUARY 2, 1897.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. COOPER, of Texas, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9550.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9550) entitled "A bill for the relief of Mrs. Margaret Hagan, widow of John C. Hagan, deceased," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do not pass.

This is a bill enacting that the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Mrs. Margaret Hagan the sum of \$2,000 for services rendered and money expended by her late husband, John C. Hagan, in the construction of the gunboat *J. C. Hagan* in 1863.

The records of the Quartermaster-General show that Mrs. Hagan filed a claim in that department for services of her deceased husband, John C. Hagan, in superintending the construction of the gunboat *J. C. Hagan*, or *Rosecrans*, from April 1 to July 25, 1863, 115 days, at \$5 per day—\$575.

In transmitting the claim for action of the accounting officers, the Quartermaster-General stated:

That in 1863 Mr. Hagan was employed by General Rosecrans to construct a gunboat for service in the Department of the Cumberland, and the sum of \$6,230 (Government funds) was turned over to him for that purpose, and that of that sum he has accounted for \$4,207.11 only, for which he presents receipts, leaving a balance of \$2,022.89 unaccounted for.

No action, it seems, has ever been taken by the accounting officers in this case, except to call upon Mrs. Hagan for explanation of the deficiency, which she has been unable to make.

It will be necessary for Mrs. Hagan to account for the deficiency of \$2,022.89 by producing vouchers therefor. These vouchers have never been presented to the Quartermaster-General and the case has remained suspended to the present time.

Your committee decline to reopen the case and report adversely, and recommend that the bill do lie upon the table.